

*The pledge of the month for September is Trees.*

- Interested in planting a tree but not sure what type of tree would work best in your yard? Click on the link <https://bit.ly/2ZnZgug> to learn that and more – and don't forget to call 811 before you start digging!



- Did you know leaves that end up in storm drains are considered pollution? The extra organic matter in our rivers and streams will contribute to algae blooms the following year. When you are raking your leaves this fall, remember, only rain in the drain!



- We all know that trees do very important work by providing oxygen, cleaning the air, sustaining wildlife, and reducing stormwater runoff. This month we are featuring our tree pledge, so let's do our part to maintain healthy trees by making the choice to be a tree steward! Click the link <https://bit.ly/2RgfSiR> to make your pledge today!



- Need a Monday pick me up? Studies have shown that taking a walk through a forest, living and working near trees, or simply looking at trees can improve one's mental health. So, the next time you are feeling blue, put on your walking shoes or just sit outside for a nature boost.



- Fun Fact: A mature oak tree can intercept around 40,000 gallons of stormwater a year! Visit the ClearChoices website <https://bit.ly/35r1M6O> to learn more fun tree facts!



- Did you know there are over 8,000 varieties of apples? Thanks to apple trees we can enjoy yummy treats like pies, ciders, cobblers, and more (and bonus... like other trees, apple trees reduce stormwater runoff). Apples are a delicious staple of the Fall season and we are excited to go apple picking! Visit one of the many local orchards and share a pic with us.

